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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: March 21, 2001

In re application of: Lévesque *et al.*
Serial No. 09/545,428
Filed: April 7, 2000
For: **TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF TRANSFECTED EPIDERMAL
BASAL CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS,
NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

Examiner: Schmidt, Mary M.
Unit: 1635

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Washington, D. C. 20231

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BY <u>[Signature]</u> ANN WEISS	<u>March 21, 2001</u> (DATE OF SIGNATURE)

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2000, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before March 21, 2001, along with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.